

## Shannon, Helen

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**To:** Shannon, Helen  
**Cc:** Malleck, John; Carpenter, Angela  
**Subject:** Review of PA for Northport VA Medical Center

Helen,

I have completed my review of the Northport VA Medical Center Preliminary Assessment.

As you requested, I have reviewed this report in terms of whether it should be sent to a contractor for further review. I do not feel that further review or evaluation is necessary. The preliminary HRS score used as a screening tool is 2.32. According to my estimation based on the information presented in this report, I feel that this score appears to be accurate.

The reason that this VA facility, containing a VA hospital as well as support buildings, was placed on the Docket was due to its status as a Large Quantity Generator. The facility does occasionally generate enough "acutely toxic waste" to keep this classification. The waste material are generated from the research labs. However, all of its waste is removed from the property and transported by a hazardous waste transporter to a haz. waste facility. The transporter comes to the facility a couple of times per month; therefore, the 90-day limit is not exceeded. The short-term storage awaiting pickup of the waste is appropriate.

Waste generated in the past and disposed of at the facility was on land that has since been transferred out of federal ownership to the municipality and the county, and became parkland. These waste areas were removed and remediated in 2001 and 2010.

If you would like to discuss this facility and the PA report in greater detail, I would be happy to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Northport VA Preliminary Assessment.

Alida Karas

